

# PROCLAMATION

## Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge Grand Opening

**WHEREAS**, the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge located along the western edge of the City of Tigard, is a regionally significant open space preserving wetlands, riparian corridors, and other floodplain habitats and the fish and wildlife that live in and migrate through the Tualatin River Basin; and

**WHEREAS**, The Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge is one of America's few "urban" refuges; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tigard has supported the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge by donating funds, publicizing and promoting the Refuge's grand opening ceremony, and by providing citizen volunteers to assist with Refuge restoration and maintenance activities; and

**WHEREAS**, from its inception, the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge has been a unique and broad-based partnership between local communities, federal and state agencies, business groups, and local and national non-profits; and

**WHEREAS**, the story of this community-based Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge visitor facilities is nearing completion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge will take its place among the most important publicly accessible natural areas in Metropolitan Portland and Northwestern Oregon; and

**WHEREAS**, in celebration of this community dream that has been over 15 years in the making, a Grand Opening Celebration is planned for June 3 & 4, 2006 at the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge on State Highway 99W between Sherwood and Tigard;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I**, Craig Dirksen, Mayor of Tigard, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim:

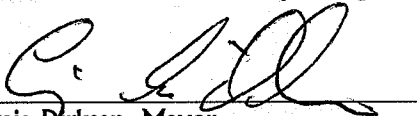
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### Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge Celebration Weekend

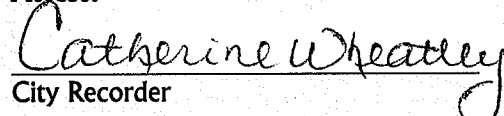
For the purpose of encouraging the citizens of the City of Tigard to tour and enjoy the Refuge on the afternoon of Saturday, June 3 and all day June 4, and in the weeks, months and years to follow.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2006.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tigard to be affixed.

  
Craig Dirksen, Mayor  
City of Tigard

Attest:

  
Catherine Wheatley  
City Recorder

